



MCC[®]

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, August 17, 2014
10th Pentecost



Giving Gifts

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

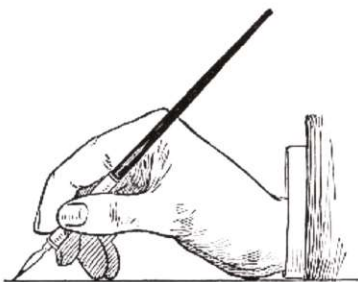
Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

**Administrative
Assistant Paula Merkel**

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm
Fri: 8am-12 noon



Notes From MCCLV Office

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to email avteam@mcclv.org at least 2 weeks** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.



MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

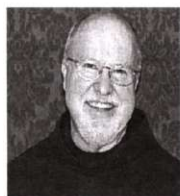
Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.
Thank you for your cooperation!

MCCLV is excited about the **Adult Spiritual Formation** program beginning September 14, 2014! MCCLV is committed to fostering Adult Forums which are dialogue driven, engaging, spiritually transformative and challenging. The Adult Forums will be presenting conversational opportunities in which participants will engage with the theological insights of progressive Christian scholars and authors. Come be a part of the discussion! All are welcome. Accompanying participant guides can be purchased for each module but are not essential to participation. For more information please contact Spiritual Formation Ministry Coordinator Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org

The forums will feature filmed segments highlighting the following scholars/writers in dialog with lay audiences:



Diana Butler Bass: a historian focusing on the history of Christianity and a leading voice in progressive Christianity. Bass is currently an independent scholar who writes broadly on American religion and culture.



Richard Rohr: ordained to the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church in 1970. He is an internationally known inspirational speaker and has published numerous recorded talks and books



Phyllis Tickle: an American author and lecturer whose work focuses on spirituality and religious issues.



Walter Brueggeman is an American Protestant Hebrew Scripture scholar and theologian. Brueggemann is widely considered one of the most influential Old Testament scholars of the last several decades.

Date	Presenter	Topic
9/14/14	Diana Butler Bass	Embracing Spiritual Awakening 1) Arriving
9/21/14	Diana Butler Bass	Embracing Spiritual Awakening 2) Believing
9/21/14	Diana Butler Bass	Embracing Spiritual Awakening 3) Behaving
9/28/14	Diana Butler Bass	Embracing Spiritual Awakening 4) Belonging
10/5/14	Diana Butler Bass	Embracing Spiritual Awakening 5) Awakening
10/12/14	Richard Rohr	Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 1) Atonement Theory
10/19/14	Richard Rohr	Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 2) Eco-Spirituality
10/26/14	Richard Rohr	Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 3) The Christ who Existed before Christianity
11/2/14	Richard Rohr	Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 4) Orthopraxy vs. Verbal Orthodoxy (Living Like Jesus)
11/9/14	Richard Rohr	Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy 5) Mysticism over Moralism
11/16/14	Phyllis Tickle	Embracing Emergence Christianity 1) Emergence 101
11/23/14	Phyllis Tickle	Embracing Emergence Christianity 2) Where Now Is the Authority
11/30/14	Phyllis Tickle	Embracing Emergence Christianity 3) The 20th Century and Emergence
12/7/14	Phyllis Tickle	Embracing Emergence Christianity 4) Gifts from Other Times
12/14/14	Phyllis Tickle	Embracing Emergence Christianity 5) How Then Shall We Live?
12/21/14	Phyllis Tickle	Embracing Emergence Christianity 6) Hallmarks of Emergence



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8th ANNUAL
TRICKY
TRAY
BASKETRAFFLE

TAILGATE
PARTY

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2014

Doors Open Drawing Begins
at 9 AM at 12 NOON

American Club
of Coplay Pavilion
300 Cherry Street
Coplay, PA 18037

TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 (non-refundable)
Includes Tailgate Party Luncheon

To pre-purchase tickets (space is limited)
Email: TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com
or see a Tricky Tray Committee Member

Personal checks at the door require photo ID
MasterCard and VISA accepted day of event

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All proceeds raised will benefit the Communities and Missions served by:
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DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. MCCLV is hosting Elaine Ely, a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the areas of end-of-life issues, loss and grief.

Her current hours at the church are:

Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

(other hours can be arranged upon request).

For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.



LIFE LESSONS SEMINARS!!

FOUR MORE LEFT!

****Packed Full of Knowledge and Wisdom****

MCCLV is presenting LIFE LESSON Seminars. We never know what challenges life will bring —

These seminars will prepare you for many of them.

Here is the schedule by date for the presentations:

Aug 31st -- Navigating the Health Care System

Sep 7th -- Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Law in PA



For more information, see Barb Baus or email Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org.

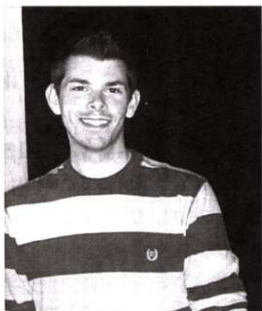
Forge is Growing

God is doing wonderful things at MCCLV! Some of the many blessings given to our community in recent years are the spiritual growth, care and fellowship evidenced in our small FORGE groups. For some time now this ministry has been exploring the possibility of beginning a Spanish-speaking FORGE group. If you have an interest in participating in such a group, please contact ministry coordinator, Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org and make him aware of your interest. In addition, if you know someone who might be interested please pass the word!



Dios está haciendo cosas maravillosas en MCCLV! Algunas de las muchas bendiciones de nuestra comunidad en los últimos años es el crecimiento espiritual, la atención y la amistad que se evidencia en nuestro pequeño Forjar grupos. Desde hace algún tiempo hemos estado estudiando la posibilidad de comenzar a forjar grupo habla español. Con el fin de continuar con esta posibilidad, la forja ministerio pide que si usted tiene un interés en participar en el grupo que se ponga en contacto con coordinador del ministerio, Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org y tome conciencia de su interés. Además, si usted conoce a alguien que pueda estar interesado, por favor pasar la voz!astor

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY NEWS



Cheryl Wenhold and Ashley Richard are the new co-chairpersons of MCCLV's Fellowship Ministry! Praise God for their willingness to share their time, talent and treasure in this important leadership role. Cheryl and Ashley will be assessing all aspects of fellowship at MCCLV and developing a Fellowship Plan for the rest of 2014 and 2015. If you have any ideas or would like to help with fellowship events, please see Ashley or Cheryl following worship.

"Fellowship with God refreshes your soul: it allows God to speak into your life for the next level of your life endeavours. Your life will always speak louder in the light of God's Word."
(George Mfula)



Early Morning Prayer -- Every Sunday at 8:00 AM -- **MCCLV's Prayer Room**

Prayer Develops Our Relationship with God.

If we never speak to our friends or never listen to anything they might have to say to us, our relationships will quickly deteriorate. It is the same way with God. Prayer - communicating with God - helps us grow closer and more intimately connected with God.



Zechariah 13:9

I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure, just as gold and silver are refined and purified by fire. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.' (NLT)

MCCLV Retirees are Gathering

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, MCCLV Retirees meet from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in MCCLV's Fellowship Hall.

Come and join the laughter and conversation.

Contact George Cabot,
george.cabot@yahoo.com,
or Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org,
for more information.



MCCLV'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Open every Sunday at 12:00-1:00 PM to
serve the community. The pantry is in
need of donation. Drop off your items in
front of the pantry door. Thank you!



Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies
And procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring
the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the
benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip
MCCLV with the proper tools to be the place God is calling
the church to be?



Meets 4th Sundays
For more information,
please see
Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com
or

Emma Marrero
emma.marrero@kidspeace.org



MCCLV Members Aim For 10%!

Tithe and Percentage Giving

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Tithe Weekly Giving	Upper Range of Giving Weekly Giving				Middle Range of Giving Weekly Giving			Lower Range of Giving Weekly Giving		
		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	
\$22,000	\$423	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4	
\$25,000	\$481	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5	
\$30,000	\$577	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6	
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Coverages During Pastor's Sabbatical

MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy is on Sabbatical during the months of August & September, 2014 (and January, 2015).

Below is a listing of coverages:

Serving as Ministry Coordinator Meetings Facilitator:

Robert Schotter (robby.schotter@mcclv.org)

Serving as Board Moderator:

Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Church-Share Point Person:

Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Staff Meeting Facilitator:

Brian Jones (brian.jones@mcclv.org)

Serving as Preachers:

Rev. Jen Glass, Randy D'Angelo, Robert Schotter

Serving as Main Worship Leader:

Karl Steiner (karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Care Coordinator

(hospitalizations, home visits, etc.): Karl Steiner
(karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Weddings & Funerals Officiant:

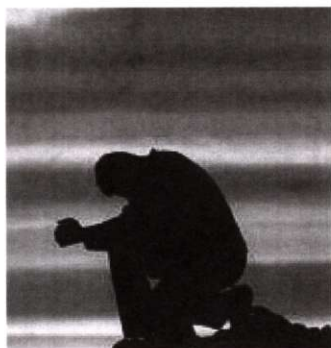
Rev. Elaine Ely
(pastor_elaine@yahoo.com)

Serving as Bulletin Editor:

Lauren Sheldon
(laurenesheldon@gmail.com)

Serving as e-Listserve Editor:

Barb Colvin (bjc7500@yahoo.com)



AV Team Needs You!



Do you like playing with the latest techy gadget or enjoy knowing how new electronic devices work? MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the place to put your tech hobby to practical use. Learn how to run MCCLV's multi robotic camera system or how to create the best sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship services flow going using the screens. If you would like to know more contact Jeff Hayes at: avteam@mcclv.org

- ASSIST YOUR CHURCH - TODAY

Do you enjoy big festivals and meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about the great things happening at MCCLV?



Are you in need of individual prayer?

MCCLV's Prayer Room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you.



You may also email Loreli: loreliebauer@aol.com

WELD at MCCLV!



Interesting in making a membership commitment with Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley? Participants in MCCLV's WELD church membership process become more closely welded to God and to one another. WELD is a four-part series that is required for new members and is open to anyone wanting more information about the church. There will be an **informational session on Sunday, October 5** following Sunday morning worship. **WELD classes take place on October 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00pm.** Experience connection with God and brothers and sisters in Christ through MCCLV's WELD.

For more information see
Emma Marrero or e-mail her
at autleaves@aol.com



20/30s Young Men's Group

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking for some fun and fellowship? Would you like to connect with others in your age group? Join the fabulous 20s30s crew at their regular gatherings the **First Friday at 7pm** at MCCLV. It's a great place to meet others with common goals and kindred spiritual journeys.

For details contact Scott George e-mail:
smgmccclv@gmail.com

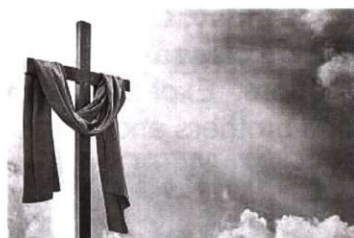


FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.



***Contact group leaders to learn more ***



FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer lorelibauer@aol.com
Elaine Ely pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus
babaus@hotmail.com
Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com



FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George smgmccclv@gmail.com
Ron Smith rsmith.mccclv@gmail.com





Congregational Care

Are you in need of care -- a sister or brother in Christ to pray with you, visit you in the hospital or your home, listen to your spiritual needs? MCCLV is here to help you through life's challenges. Please contact Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org.

MCCLV Softball End of the Season Picnic! – ALL ARE WELCOME!

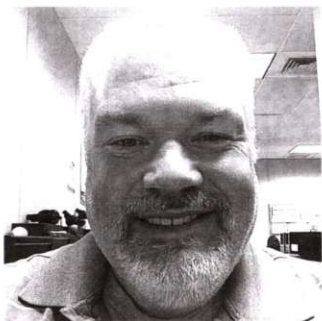
A group of MCCLV'ers have been enjoying summer fun on the softball field since May. The last gathering will include a potluck picnic and will be held on **Sunday, August 24th at 1 pm** at Dieruff HS Field, 815 N. Irving St., Allentown, PA 18109.

Please email Dana Houck (dhgraphicsphoto@gmail.com)
OR Weston Carpenter (carpely31@yahoo.com)

Let them know how many will be coming and what food dish you'll be bringing to share. **AND**, for those playing, don't forget sunscreen, glove and water!



Stewardship Team Meets 4th Sunday of Month



MCCLV's Stewardship Team meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Come to these great gatherings and help plan things like the church's annual pledge drive. All are welcome to participate.

Contact Jim Harbst at
jim.harbst@icloud.com for more

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood starts in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!



Be joyful in hope;
Patient in affection;
Faithful in prayer

(Romans 12:12)

MCCLV's Prayer Team

*If you have an urgent prayer request, please email the Prayer Team at **prayer.team@mcclv.org**. Your prayer need will go out to over 70 people who are on MCCLV's Prayer Team. Also, if you'd like to be on this dedicated team, please let MCCLV know by emailing the Prayer Team.*



Fundraising Committee Meetings

The Fundraising Committee meets following worship on the 1st Sunday of the month.



Questions, please talk to
Sue Carpenter or-email
sue.carpenter@voya.com



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to
www.youtube.com and search **MCC LV**.

Want to Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge?

Bible Study



*Make a six night
commitment this
coming Autumn that will*

*transform your life! Join in a six-part Adult Bible
Study, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Get an in-
depth look at six important New Testament letters
and be forever changed!*

October 15: Galatians

October 22: Ephesians

October 29: Philippians

November 5: Colossians

November 12: 1 Thessalonians

November 19: 2 Thessalonians

Quote Of The Day

Every new day crowns us with new beginnings
and glorious possibilities;
Be sure to make every moment in this journey
Called life count.
(Susan Lugo)



Serve God In Worship

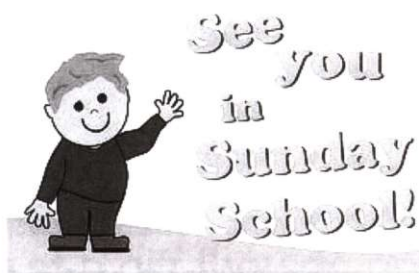
Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV? The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email brian.jones@mcclv.org for more information.

***Work Sundays?
Not a "morning person"?
Want more options with worship?
Don't want to go anywhere or do
anything on a Sunday?***

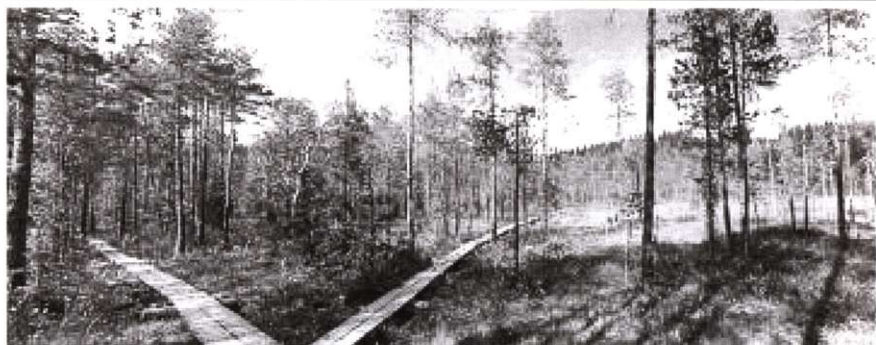
**Coming February 21, 2015 @ MCCLV
Weekly Saturday Evening
5:15pm Worship Service**

10 Reasons For Sunday School (Children & Youth Spiritual Formation)

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? MCCLV offers Spiritual Formation for Children & Youth at 9:00am Sundays starting September 14. Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family:



- 1. Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids receive spiritual instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
- 2. Friends:** In Children & Youth Spiritual Formation, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
- 3. It's Fun:** Sunday School is not Disneyland, but MCCLV's teachers do work hard to teach spiritual values in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
- 4. Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
- 5. Foundational Bible Learning:** The curriculum is designed to give a broad view of scripture, so children and youth will have a solid Biblical foundation.
- 6. Praying Teachers:** MCCLV's teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Children & Youth Spiritual Formation gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- 7. Big Reward For a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates from High School!
- 8. Send the Right Message:** Making Children & Youth Spiritual Formation a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
- 9. Adult Spiritual Formation:** While the children enjoy their class, you can learn with other adults in your own Adult Spiritual Formation class (also at 9:00am).
- 10. You'll Be On Time:** Families who come to Children, Youth & Adult Spiritual Formation always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.



UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

11th Pentecost: August 24, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Genesis 19:12-26 & Luke 17:26-33

Preaching: Randy D'Angelo

Sermon Title: **"Don't Look Back"**

12th Pentecost: August 31, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"Journey Through Matthew, Part I"**

13th Pentecost: September 7, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"Journey Through Matthew, Part II"**

14th Pentecost: September 14, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"Journey Through Matthew, Part III"**

15th Pentecost: September 21, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"Journey Through Matthew, Part IV"**

16th Pentecost: September 28, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"Sing Praises to God"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 25:14

Like clouds and wind without rain are persons who boast of a gift they do not give.



MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
8/10/2014	83	\$1,508.06
8/03/2014	91	\$1,442.90
7/27/2014	92	\$2,359.75
7/26/2014	47	\$374.00

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:

Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org

20s30s Young Men's Group, G.I.F.T. Young Women's Group, MCCLV Retirees, HIV Support, Drumming Circle, Fellowship, Visitor Team, Prayer Team, Reconciliation, & Affirmation, Grief Counseling & Deacon Care

Spiritual Formation:

Robert Schotter | robby.schotter@mcclv.org

FORGE Groups, Adult Spiritual Formation and Children & Youth Spiritual Formation

Outreach & Justice:

Barb Baus | barb.baus@mcclv.org

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,

Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda
see any Board Member**

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Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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